

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Councillors A Holliday (Chairman); D Banks (Deputy Chairman); E Brenan; B Dixon; D Moore; A Norwood and Miss E Woodburn.

Officers: D Davies, Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy; F McMorrow, Corporate Director Economic Prosperity and Sustainability; T Greer, Scientific Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present Mr B Snelson, Ms S Williams, Mr T Perry, Ms S Potter and Mr H Rooms, Sellafield Sites Ltd.
Ms N Hough, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.
Mr D Gray and Mrs M Higham, Honorary Aldermen.

Disclosure of Interest

Councillors A Holliday, D Bank, E Brenan, B Dixon, D Moore, A Norwood, Miss E Woodburn and Mr D Gray declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2008 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

NWG 12/08 Arrangement of Agenda

Due to an officer from The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority being present at the meeting it was agreed that Agenda Item 6 – NDA Plutonium Options would be considered first on the Agenda.

NWG 13/08 NDA Plutonium Options – A Consultation by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

Ms N Hough presented an overview to Members on the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's UK Plutonium Disposition Project, during which Member's questions were invited.

During discussion of this item it was clarified that the options report being prepared for Government would be a 'technical paper' and would not be making recommendations.

It was requested that a full version of the NDA report be made available to the Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the presentation be received.
- b) Members comments on the consultation paper be forwarded to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 29 September 2008.
- c) NDA be requested to make available a copy of the full version of their report to the Leader of the Council.

NWG 14/08 Sellafield Ltd – Open Discussion

Mr B Snelson invited questions from Members in an open discussion on Sellafield Ltd.

During the following discussions, Members were updated on the current threat of industrial action at Sellafield and sought reassurance that safety on site would be maintained. Concern was also expressed at the detrimental effect strike action would have on the industry and also the wider local community.

RESOLVED – that the updates be received.

NWG 15/08 Sellafield Ltd – Presentation on 'Progress of the New Build Construction Projects'

Mr T Perry, Project Superintendent, Major Projects Group, presented to Members on the progress of the New Build Construction Projects, including SPRS (Sellafield Products and Residue Store), EPS3 (Encapsulated Projects Store 3), Evaporator D and HAST.

New projects planned for the next 5-15 years included an Effluent Store and a Product Store.

During discussions that followed, Member asked for more detail regarding the relocation of staff during the construction work and whether accommodation off-site in local towns has been considered.

Members also enquired of the supply chain and were keen to know if local companies were benefiting from Sellafield orders.

RESOLVED – that the presentation be received.

NWG 16/08 Consultation Schedule

Members were given an overview of the Schedule of Reviewing/Drafting by the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy.

RESOLVED – that the schedule be received, updated and brought to the next meeting of the Nuclear Working Group.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

Chairman.....

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